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1. Petition under 37 CFR 1.324 to correct inventorship (4 pages)
2. PTO FORM SB/HV

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## PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Von Oepen, Randolph


SERIAL No.: 09/078,956

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## PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.324 TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP

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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. §1.324 to correct inventorship for US  
Patent No. 6,048,361.Upon review of the above referenced patent, it was brought to Applicant's  
attention that through error without any deceptive intent on the Applicant's behalf an  
inventor was not named in the issued patent.Applicant hereby submits the present petition to correct inventorship for the  
above-referenced patent. In support of this petition, Applicant hereby submits a  
statement under 37 CFR 1.324(b)(2) in exhibit A, and the added inventor hereby submits  
a statement under 37 CFR 1.324(b)(1) in exhibit B.Applicant requests that in view of the statements submitted herein, that the  
inventorship of the present application be corrected to list the inventors as Randolph von  
Oepen and Nicolaus Reifart.Please amend the above-referenced patent to reflect the correct inventorship to  
reflect the proper inventorship to be to following, the enclosed form PTO/SB/44 reflects  
the desired changes:

Randolf von Oepen and Nicolaus Reifart.

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Please contact the undersigned at (650)-474-3326 if there are any questions concerning this petition.

The commissioner is authorized to charge any appropriate fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.324(b)(4) for the present petition and charge any appropriate fees required under 37 CFR §1.20(b) by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-0025.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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**EXHIBIT A**

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**Statement under 37 CFR 1.324(b)(2) of Randolph Von Oepen**

I Randolph Von Oepen, as current inventor of US Patent No. 6,048,361 hereby agree to the change of inventorship of the above-referenced patent through the addition of Nicolaus Reifart as an inventor.

  
Randolf Von Oepen

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## EXHIBIT B

APPLICANT: Von Oepen, Randall

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PATENT No: 6,048,361

FILED: May 13, 1998

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REGION OF A VESSEL  
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## Statement under 37 CFR 1.324(b)(1) of Nicolaus Reifart

I Nicolaus Reifart hereby state that I believe to be an inventor of US Patent No. 6,048,361. The inadvertent error of failing to include Nicolaus Reifart as an inventor occurred without any deceptive intent on the part of Nicolaus Reifart. My address is as follows:

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Nicolaus Reifart

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APPLICATION NO.: 09/078,956  
ISSUE DATE : 4/11/2000  
INVENTOR(S) : Randolph von Oepen

It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

On The Face Of the Patent, listing of Inventor:

add "Nicolaus Relfart" as a named inventor

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